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Whole school Transition Information 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to share our plans for supporting the transition of children to their new year groups.

As a school, we fully understand how important it is to get transition right. Moving on to the next stage in a child's school journey can be both exciting and a little daunting, so we have taken great care in planning a number of opportunities to help make this as smooth and positive as possible.

We've increased the number of transition activities taking place throughout the second half of the summer term to give children the chance to get to know their new environment, staff and routines. Below, you'll find an overview of the events and activities coming up over the next few weeks.

Date	Activity	Summary
Thursday 25th June	Transition meeting for teachers.	Teachers will meet to discuss the children's academic achievement and social and emotional needs. <i>As a parent/carers there is no need to do anything for this.</i>
Week commencing 22nd June - Friday 26th June	Teachers will visit the children in their current classes.	Teachers will visit the children in their current class to observe them in class and spend time getting to know them. They will teach a joint lesson with the children's current teachers. <i>As a parent/carers there is no need to do anything for this.</i>
Tuesday 30th June	Transition morning with new class teachers	Children will spend a morning with their new teachers. <i>As a parent/carers there is no need to do anything for this.</i>
Week commencing 6th July	Parent information evening	The presentation evening will be run by staff. Information will include: an introduction to staff, what to do in the first week in September, school expectations and timetables and how you can support your child. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. <i>Parents/carers are invited to attend the meeting in the studio at either 3:30pm or 5:00pm (further information to follow including specific dates for each year group)</i>
Week beginning Monday 13th	Transition week with new class teachers	Whole school transition week. All children will move to their new classes for the entire week (further information to follow) <i>As a parent/carers there is no need to do anything for this.</i>



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Will the children's classes be mixed this year?

As you know, most years we mix the classes to support children's learning, development, and friendships as they grow. This will be the case again this year, where needed. Class teachers — who know the children best in the school setting — will lead this process, supported by our pastoral and safeguarding teams. **We won't be taking requests for specific class placements, and once classes are set, there won't be changes unless the school decides it's necessary.** Please be assured that we put a lot of thought into these decisions and always consider what's best for each child both socially and academically.

How will we further support children to be ready for September?

Following the success last year, we will be doing a full week of transition for all children during the final week of term. From Monday 13th July, children will spend the week with their new class teacher and classmates, giving them time to build relationships, understand new routines, and settle into their new environment before the summer holidays. We believe this extended transition period will make a real difference to how confidently children return to school in September, helping to reduce any anxiety and giving them a strong, positive start to the new academic year. The last day with their current teacher will be Friday 10th July, and we will ensure this is a special time for goodbyes and reflection. We know change can feel daunting, but we are confident that this approach really benefits the children both emotionally and academically.

What if my child needs additional transition?

We completely understand that every child is different, and some may need a little more support with the transition than others. If your child would benefit from extra help beyond what is already planned, please be assured that we will put additional sessions and support in place to meet their individual needs. Our Dragon's Den team, along with our pastoral support staff, will play a key role in supporting children who may find change more challenging. Just let us know, and we will work closely with you to make sure your child feels confident, supported, and well-prepared for the move.

We're really looking forward to continuing this journey with you and your child. If you're not able to make it to the presentation evening, don't worry — all the information shared will be available on our school website afterwards.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to ask — I'd be more than happy to help.

Warm wishes,

Kathryn Wilden
Headteacher